



Community Services

*Serving Neighborhoods and
Strengthening Families*



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
Parks & Recreation
Enriching People's Lives

Who We Are

"The purpose of Community Services is to strengthen families and neighborhoods by operating four community centers and related programs through which City-related information, social services and referral services are provided to low-income populations."

The City of Santa Barbara has four Community Center facilities, four community gardens, and a youth sports center, managed by the Community Services section of the City's Parks and Recreation Department. The facilities are conveniently located for easy access by the City's low-income, disabled, or senior populations and are on or near major transit routes. All centers are accessible to the disabled and have rooms for meetings, dining, receptions, special programs, and services.



Franklin Neighborhood Center
1136 East Montecito Street
Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm
963-7605; Fax 963-7607

Lower Westside Center
629 Coronel Place
Monday-Friday, 2pm-6pm
963-7537; Fax 963-7538

Special Program Highlights



The Annual Salsa Festival is held in September on a Saturday afternoon in Ortega Park. The event features live music, a talent show, *mercadito* (food and craft vendors), and a children's fun zone. The event culminates in a "breathtaking" fresh salsa contest judged by a panel of individuals well-known for their discriminating taste. For more information, contact Antonio Velasquez at 963-7567.



The Mobile Food Pantry is a partnership between the Santa Barbara Foodbank and Community Services. The program provides approximately 8000 pounds of free groceries to low-income families on a monthly basis at the Franklin and Lower Westside Community Centers. For information, contact Ricardo Venegas at 963-7605.

Call or visit us at the locations below

Westside Community Center
423 West Victoria Street
Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm
963-7567; Fax 963-7569

Youth Sports Center
701 E. Haley Street
Monday-Saturday, 4:30-8pm

Special Program Highlights



The Community Gardens Program gives local gardeners the opportunity to grow organic produce in their neighborhood. Individual plots are available to city residents. Community Garden plots are located in the Eastside, Lower Westside and Westside neighborhoods. For information or an application, call 963-7567 or 963-7605.




The Community Services Job Apprenticeship Program provides on-the-job training opportunities to extremely low-to-moderate income 14 to 21 year olds. Qualifying adults over the age of 55 are provided with a paid on-the-job training program through a collaborative agreement with AARP and Community Services Senior Employment Program. For more information, call 963-7567.

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Louise Lowry Davis Center
1232 De la Vina Street
Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm
897-2568

Community Garden Program:
• Yanonali Gardens • Rancheria Gardens
• Pilgrim Terrace Garden
• Garden at Parque de los Niños



Our community centers offer a wide variety of free services focused on family and neighborhood issues. We can also help locate other assistance at no cost to you!

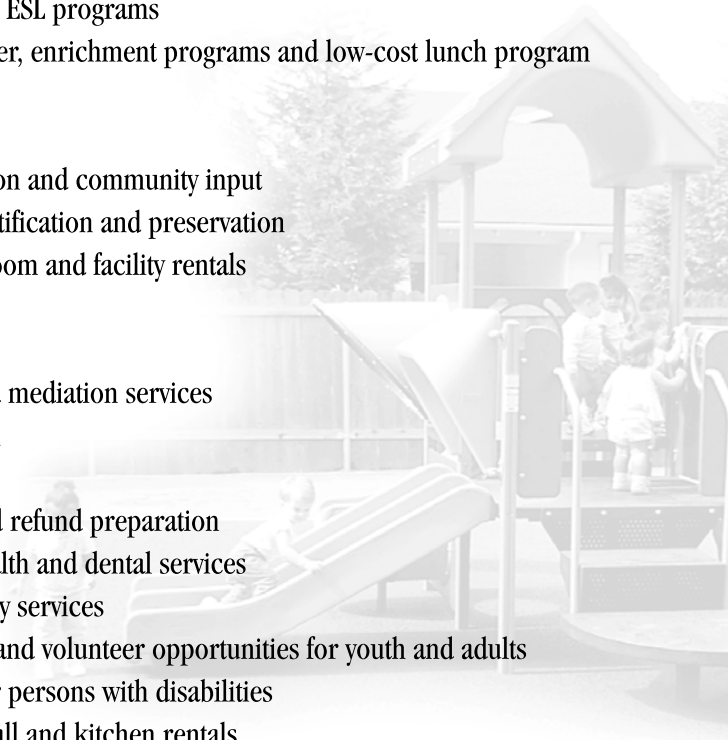
Family

- ☐ Year-round after-school and special summer programs for children and youth
- ☐ Affordable childcare to working parents and students
- ☐ Work experience and training programs for youth and senior citizens
- ☐ Adult education and ESL programs
- ☐ Drop-in senior center, enrichment programs and low-cost lunch program

Neighborhood

- ☐ Resident participation and community input
- ☐ Neighborhood beautification and preservation
- ☐ Low-cost meeting room and facility rentals

Community

- ☐ Legal assistance and mediation services
 - ☐ Bilingual translation
 - ☐ Notary services
 - ☐ Free income tax and refund preparation
 - ☐ Medical, mental health and dental services
 - ☐ Community advocacy services
 - ☐ Community service and volunteer opportunities for youth and adults
 - ☐ Referral services for persons with disabilities
 - ☐ Low-cost meeting hall and kitchen rentals
 - ☐ Low-cost garden plots
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Community Center Advisory Committees

Join your neighbors in making improvements in your neighborhood! Become part of a team of dedicated individuals to bring much needed services to the community. Dedicating a few hours a month helps to keep your neighborhood clean and safe. Come by to pick up an application at any of our centers, or call us and we can mail you one.

- ❑ The Westside Center Advisory Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Westside Community Center, 423 West Victoria Street.
- ❑ The Lower Westside Center Advisory Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Lower Westside Center, 629 Coronel Place.
- ❑ The Franklin Neighborhood Center Advisory Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm at the Franklin Community Center, 1136 East Montecito Street.

